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A WORD FROM OUR PRESIDENT

FEAR ENDS WHERE FAITH BEGINS

There is a quote on the license plate cover of my son's vehicle. It states "Fear Ends Where Faith Begins."

I am not sure many people even know what that means, even though it seems to be branded on just about everything. You all have heard the statement that Faith and Fear cannot occupy the same place in a believer's life. Faith does not "overcome" fear. Like light and darkness, faith and fear cannot occupy the same space at the same time - there will either be one, or there will be the other. Faith is a choice of our will - as is fear. Something I know to be true.

However, as I look around me I see mostly fear dominating the lives of most believers. There are many moments in life where we are tempted to worry about and fear the uncertainties of life. We are always bombarded with thoughts of "what if" coming from a negative point of view. If we continue asking about what is uncertain in our lives, we will be tempted to worry, fear and complain about something that hasn't come our way yet.

Outside of spiritual warfare, I'm unsure what's going on in our world today. The times we are in have so many people are uncertain and fearful in their hearts and minds.

What has trapped you in a life of uncertainty? Maybe you're facing a relational uncertainty called divorce. Maybe you fear losing your job, so work is causing you duress. Or, maybe like so many people you have unanswered questions that are causing spiritual uncertainty.

When we put our eyes of faith on the Lord, we will not have room to focus on any negativity that may be trying to infiltrate our being. We will know that God is able to deliver us and meet our needs exactly when we need them met. The Lord loves to show Himself strong on behalf of those who trust in His power.

That is true of God's salvation. When we say yes to the Lord, our yes brings everything with Him. We receive forgiveness, mercy, grace, peace, joy, encouragement, and love that surpass all understanding. God wipes our slate clean and makes us a brand-new creation. He forgets our past and establishes a new future filled with hope.

At the end of the day, embracing uncertainty comes back to our perspective on life. Do we really believe that God is ordering every footstep even when it feels like we've taken a misstep? Do we really believe that God is sovereign when nothing seems to be going our way? Do we really believe that God is good even when bad things happen to us? It is the belief in the sovereignty of God that gives us a sense hope for the future. And it is that sense hope that helps us embrace the positive and negative uncertainties that happen in our lives.



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HEALTHY EATING TIPS FOR DRIVERS

Eating and preparing healthy meals while on the road can be easy depending on your level of desire for making meals versus buying meals when you stop. Here are some tips shared through the trucker's forum as part of the Trucking Truth website.

1. Purchase a small crockpot with a regular 120 volt plug. Use an inverter for conversion to the power source in your truck.
2. A small refrigerator will store perishable fruits and vegetables that can supplement a driver's diet.
3. Purchase a blender bottle to concoct yummy shakes with added protein and vitamins to round out your meal plans.
4. Invest in a RoadPro frying pan that will use electricity to cook eggs and warm up soups.
5. Use a Hot Pot to boil water for hot drinks like tea and cocoa.
6. Buy a steamer to cook up some vegetables and rice. Watch that your choice is low to the ground so that it doesn't tip over and spill.
7. If you have a green thumb, think about having a small mint plant and other herbs in a pot in your truck. There are many benefits to fresh herbs beyond just adding flavor to your food.

For additional information, check out the full article on www.truckingtruth.com/truckers-forum and search for Healthy eating for truck drivers.

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AT THE ARK

Last month I had the opportunity to visit the Ark Encounter in Williamston, KY. I experienced several emotions as I walked through the different levels of the vessel, watched a video of an interview with Noah, and participated in a virtual reality production of what it may have been like to be on the ark during the flood.

I have read, and believed, the account of the worldwide flood as recorded in Scripture. However being on this huge replica helped me comprehend the reality of this event in a new way. I was reminded of being in Jerusalem and how that pilgrimage brought the Bible to life. I had known that Jesus lived and died in that blessed land, but walking where he walked made it much more real.

My first emotion was a solemn one as the realization of a catastrophe of this magnitude sank in deeper into my consciousness. This historical event really happened. God had decreed this was going to come to pass, and it did, just as He said.

“God said to Noah, ‘I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence through them. Behold, I will destroy them with the earth. Make yourself an ark of gopher wood. Make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. This is how you are to make it: the length of the ark 300 cubits, its breadth 50 cubits, and its height 30 cubits. Make a roof for the ark, and finish it to a cubit above, and set the door of the ark in its side. Make it with lower, second, and third decks. For behold, I will bring a flood of waters upon the earth to destroy all flesh in which is the breath of life under heaven. Everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish My covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you.’” (Genesis 6:13-18)

Jesus spoke of these days, “Just as it was in the days of Noah, so will it be in the days of the Son of Man. They were eating and drinking and marrying and being given in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all.” (Luke 17:26-27)

People died. The world was destroyed. Other judgments occurred later at Babel, and in Egypt when the false gods were found wanting during the exodus. Future judgments await those of us on the earth today. This is extremely sobering.

My second emotion was a sense of calm assurance. The ark is a testimony that God cares for His people. Several thousand years ago during a worldwide catastrophe, God preserved Noah and his family. Just standing in this huge vessel was faith-building and comforting. Our faithful God provided a way of escape for His children. While multitudes of men and animals were perishing, they were safe inside the ark.

Peter describes God’s ability to rescue His people while punishing the ungodly in his second letter. “If he did not spare the ancient world, but preserved Noah, a herald of righteousness, with seven others, when He brought a flood upon the world of the ungodly; if by turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to ashes He condemned them to extinction, making them an example of what is going to happen to the ungodly; and if he rescued righteous Lot, greatly distressed by the sensual conduct of the wicked (for as that righteous man lived among them day after day, he was tormenting his righteous soul over their lawless deeds that he saw and heard); then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgment.” (2 Peter 2:5-9)

My encounter at the ark not only reinforced what I knew about God’s Word, it also taught me more about the nature and character of God.

UNA TAREA HONORABLE

Para aquellos de ustedes que ven el reality "Survivor", estarán familiarizados con el presentador diciendo: "Enciendan sus antorchas, porque el fuego es un signo de vida en este juego. Cuando se apague tu fuego, estarás fuera del juego".

El símbolo de la vida en el transporte por carretera es la chimenea del camión. Cuando el camión está encendido y humeando, está vivo. El humo se disipa rápidamente, pero esas primeras ráfagas de humo de diesel significan que es el momento. Es hora de salir, dejar atrás a los seres queridos y traer al mundo las cosas que necesita. Esto puede parecer una actividad simple y diaria para miles de conductores, pero adquiere un significado enorme cuando el camionero muere.

Muchas veces, mi socio y yo fuimos llamados para recoger los camiones de nuestros compañeros conductores fallecidos. Los dos somos conductores, pero además él, mecánico talentoso y chatarrero durante más de 50 años, podía devolver la vida a casi cualquier camión que hubiera estado parado por un período de tiempo. Esto a menudo resultó ser una habilidad esencial al retirar los camiones de la propiedad de aquellos con enfermedades prolongadas o que habían fallecido.

Mientras lo ponía en marcha, me senté a la mesa de la cocina con la viuda/pareja del conductor y compartimos recuerdos de su amado. Hablamos de su fallecimiento, su dolor, los asuntos del testamento y el patrimonio, mientras en el fondo de mi mente sabía lo que venía. No se había dado cuenta de cómo la afectaría esto. Había visto esto muchas veces, el humo salía disparado de las chimeneas y la conversación se PARABA. Sus ojos miraban por encima de mi hombro hacia la ventana. Sabía que el humo estaba ahí. Sus ojos se llenaron de lágrimas. Sabía lo que estaba pensando..."es él, está en casa, está vivo, ha vuelto..." pero la realidad era que él se había ido a su hogar eterno.

Le dejé un momento para revivir los últimos treinta años de una vida camionera... Las muchas jornadas tempranas, las noches de preocupación y oración mientras él estaba fuera, los niños actuando mal, las tuberías congeladas, la caldera rota, los atascos sépticos ... lo cual no se atrevía a romperse cuando él estaba en casa. Pero escuchar el rugido del motor diesel cuando finalmente se acercaba a la casa fue música para sus oídos durante esos años. Ahora sabía que el camión partía en su último viaje, ya fuera al depósito de chatarra, al taller o al bloque de subastas, o para comenzar una nueva vida con otro conductor. A ella le daba lo mismo porque el humo que veía sería el último de sus viajes, al menos para ella.

Cuando estábamos listos para irnos, nos paramos en el porche mientras el camión estaba apagado y la abrazamos para despedirnos. Mientras nos abrazaba, miraba al camión todo el tiempo. No lo perdió de vista porque *sabía que la cosa que él más amaba se iba y la única persona que ella más amaba se había ido*. Mientras la consolábamos, absorbimos la huella que él dejó en su vida, incluso a través de su camión. Caminamos hasta el camión y subimos.

Rodamos lentamente por el camino de entrada, saludamos y tocamos la bocina una vez más. Entonces nos quedamos solos. Ya habíamos hecho esto antes. Guardamos silencio mientras recordábamos. Conmocionados sentimos su espíritu con nosotros. Honramos el recuerdo de todas las millas que este hombre y su camión hicieron. Siempre nos sentimos profundamente conmovidos cuando nos eligen para llevar un camión a un nuevo hogar.

Esto fue escrito en memoria de un conductor de Maryland que nunca conoció ni reconoció a Cristo. Nos sorprendió saber que aceptó a Jesús en su vida durante los últimos meses que estuvo vivo. Qué bendición ser testigo y qué gloria para él en el "otro lado": ¡nunca es demasiado tarde!

AN HONORABLE TASK

For those of you who watch the reality show "Survivor," you are familiar with the host saying, "Light your torches because fire is a sign of life in this game. When your fire is out, you are out of the game."

The symbol of life in trucking is the truck's smoke-stack. When the truck is fired up and smoking, it is alive. The smoke clears quickly, but those first blasts of diesel smoke signify it is time. It is time to head out, leave loved ones behind and bring the world the things it needs. This may seem like a simple, daily activity to thousands of drivers but it takes on gigantic significance when the trucker has died.

My partner and I had, many times, been called to collect the trucks of our deceased fellow drivers. Both of us drivers, he, a gifted mechanic and salvage/junk man for over 50 years, could bring back to life most any truck that had been sitting any length of time. This often turned out to be an essential skill when removing trucks from the property of those with long-term illness or had passed.

As he pressed it into service, I sat at the kitchen table with the driver's widow/partner and shared memories of her beloved. We discussed his passing, her grief, the will and estate issues, all the while in the back of my mind I knew it was coming. She hadn't realized how this would affect her. I had seen this many times. The smoke would shoot out of the stacks and the conversation STOPPED. Her eyes would look past my shoulder toward the window. I knew the smoke was there. Her eyes filled with tears. I knew what was in her mind..."it's him, he's home, he's alive, he's made it back..." but the reality was he had gone on to his eternal home.

I would give her a moment to relive the last thirty years of a trucking life...the many early morning starts, the nights of worry and prayer while he was away, the kids acting up, the frozen pipes, the broken furnace, the backed up septic...all of which wouldn't dare break down when he was home. But hearing that diesel engine growl when he finally came down the driveway was music to her ears over those years. Now she knew the truck was leaving on its final ride, whether to the junk yard, salvage shop or auction block, or to begin a new life with another driver. It was all the same to her because the smoke she saw would be his truck's last – to her anyway.

When we were ready to leave, we stood on the porch as the truck idled and hugged her goodbye. As she hugged us, she faced the truck the whole time. She didn't let it out of her sight because *she knew the one thing he loved most was leaving and the one person she loved most was gone*. As we comforted her, we absorbed the ripple of his life through her touch and then through his truck. We walked to the truck and climbed in.

We slowly rolled down the driveway, waved and blew the air horn one more time. Then we were alone together. We had done this before. We were silent as we remembered. We choked up and felt his spirit with us. We honored the memory of all the miles that this man and his truck gave. We were always deeply touched when we were chosen to bring a rig to a new home.

This was written in memory of a driver out of Maryland who never knew or acknowledged Christ. We were astonished to learn that he accepted Jesus into his life during the last few months he was alive. What a blessing to witness and what glory for him on the other side - it's never too late!

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Why is the development of a chaplaincy important? The spiritual needs of our professional drivers are often overlooked. Trucking puts drivers at a high risk for poor health and mental health in environments that can be seen by chronic stress, erratic schedules and excessive time away from home. Many companies have prioritized the bottom line over the workload demands of trucking, which leads to issues, addictions, anxiety and poor health.

TFC Global has long recognized the need for a ministry to our drivers to deliver a ministry of presence. The chaplaincy programs provide. In addition to our community, we are also able to offer the FaithLife Centers located at truck stops in the region of these centers. These service centers provide contact resources, local referral capabilities and a chaplain.



- ◆ Celebrate Recovery Step meetings led by our staff in our country.
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- ◆ International Christian Trucking Association (ICTA) meetings for company employees in the trucking community.
- ◆ Talk & Prayer (TAP) meetings for women passionate about their community to support families.

Would you consider hosting an ICTA or TAP event? Would you also think about inviting our human trafficking awareness training to your church, school, company orientation, your community? For more information, contact us at info@tfcglobal.org or call us at 717-426-9977.

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Walk the Walk

By Mike McGough

Colossians 4:1 – And, masters, treat your servants considerately. Be fair with them. Don't forget for a minute that you, too, serve a Master – God in heaven. MSG

He is the fourth generation to manage the family hardware store. Like a lot of other small businesses, they've encountered some really difficult situations during the Covid 19 pandemic. One of their biggest challenges has been finding folks willing and able to work. He's raised hourly wages, offered a hiring bonus, and provided substantial employee discounts. Even so, keeping employees is very difficult. Some weeks the owner works 70 hours, just to keep the store open.

One of his new hires is a way through college. He schedule around her class employee, and he wants to appreciate his efforts on responds by working as schedule will reasonably

Her older brother's U. S. deployed just after she school. That's been tough very close. His goal is to go to college when his time was up, and devote himself to the study of medicine. She is studying to be a nurse. They hope to someday work together.



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On a recent Friday, her dad stopped into the store around noon. He told the owner that his son was coming home that evening, and they wanted to surprise his daughter. He asked if his daughter could leave about 6:00 PM. She was scheduled to start at 3:00 after class and work to close at 9:00. The owner said that would be fine. The father asked if there was anything his daughter could do to make up for such a kind favor. The owner smiled, picked up three small American flag magnets from a display on the counter, and said, "Sure. Tell her to thank her brother for his service, enjoy the party, and put one of these on all your cars!"

By the way, there was a little detail the owner didn't share. He had planned to take his wife out to dinner that evening for their 45th wedding anniversary, so he was counting on her to work to close. When he called his wife to let her know, she said, "That's great, I'm happy for her and her family! I'll have dinner ready when you get home."

Walk the Walk: A Daily Guide to a More Christlike Life is the devotional guide from which the new Testament passage that inspired this article is drawn. Copies of that devotional are available at Leadershipmrm.com under the Books/Publications tab.

ON THE HOMEFRONT

Our shop is getting cleaned and organized thanks to the work of Mike and Ron, two volunteers who are working alongside our Operations Manager, Craig Maart. There are a number of volunteer opportunities available at our corporate headquarters in Marietta, Pennsylvania. Contact us at info@tfcglobal.org for more information.

The Gateway To Freedom Foundation's Derek Thompson and the Director of US Operations, Chad Roedema visited Washington DC for a human trafficking conference. Derek had a chance to listen to speakers passionate about this topic as well as share TFC Global's commitment to ending the demand.



NATIONAL HIGHWAY NEWS & EVENTS

- PENNDOT Bridge Toll: One more Senate vote is needed after the House of Representatives voted to halt the plan to add tolls to bridges to help fund infrastructure. Motorists already are charged motor fuel taxes. These tolls would have forced people to use alternate routes which would increase delivery times and caused increased damage on roads not meant for heavy traffic. *November 2021*
- Continued supply chain issues have at their root the high rate of turnover in professional drivers as well as a lack of skilled workers in many transportation fields. *November 2021*

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TFC Global stands for more than just a ministry to truck drivers; our chaplains have had opportunities to help the men and women of the trucking community with struggles such as addictions, family and co-worker relationships, self care and more.

Our faith partners support us financially because they support our vision — support it because they know a driver, are a driver themselves or own a trucking company — support it because God has called them to give.

What about you?

Touching the Future



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We exist to evangelize, educate and equip members of the trucking community and their families to help them grow in their faith.

Building a legacy is critical to the ongoing ministry of TFC Global. We can all make a difference in seeing the ministry be financially secure to continue meeting needs and expanding to reach more of the trucking world with the message and hope of Jesus.

TFC Global has years of learning, good friends, and ministry opportunities that have continued to touch many people. Gifts such as the following are a few examples of ways to bless drivers beyond a cash donation.

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Don't Close Your Eyes Any Longer

There is no doubt the topic of sex trafficking can be an uncomfortable one. For one, it involves the word sex, and secondly, it involves the harm and exploitation of children. Not exactly great dinner conversations or a topic to bring up at social gatherings. I know from experience.

However, despite its potential to be unpleasant to talk about, it's also incredibly important that we do. Not talking about it is the equivalent of sticking your head in the sand and pretending it doesn't happen. However, in this case ignorance isn't bliss, it's a big part of the problem because when you take your head out of the sand you see that sex trafficking is happening whether you know it or not. It's happening a lot closer to you than you think.

If closing your eyes and wishing it away isn't an option, what should you do? Get educated. Awareness and education is the foundation to combatting any heinous crime or social ill. After all, you can't fight a problem you don't know anything about. That's one of the reasons TFC Global (TFCG) started the Gateway to Freedom Foundation (GTFF). To bring greater awareness and education, to the truck community and beyond. So if you're ready to open your eyes and learn about sex trafficking and how you can help combat it, TFCG is committed to educating you through the GTFF initiative.

There are multiple ways you can learn. The **Highway News** is a great place to start. Every month we include an article to raise awareness and to educate our readers about the issue. Share the Highway News with friends and family, or provide copies at your church or business. You can also join the GTFF e-newsletter list by emailing us at gateway@tfcglobal.org.

Another way to get educated is to bring the Gateway to Freedom Foundation to **train your business, congregation or community group**. With over 16 years of experience combatting sex trafficking we bring a high quality and motivational training to any group, whether through a live training or via Zoom.

Finally, this year we are launching the "**Play to End the Game**" awareness event. This is a fun, multi-generational way to educate your community about sex trafficking and what is being done to combat it. To learn more and register to "Play to End the Game" go to www.GatewayFF.org and click "Play to End the Game." Whatever option you choose thank you in advance for taking the time to educate yourself about this issue and how you can be part of the solution.





Trucking with Women in Mind

By Ellen Voie, President & CEO, Women in Trucking

SHARING THE ROAD SAFELY

For those of us in the trucking industry, we are all aware of the data suggesting that crashes involving commercial trucks are overwhelmingly caused by the non-professional driver. Or, as we like to call them, the four wheelers. There have been numerous studies about reckless behaviors of automobile drivers, but I recently came across a paper that explored the attitudes of truck drivers to those who aren't operating a commercial vehicle.

The study interviewed 167 adult men. Seventy of the respondents were not truck drivers, but the remainder were employees of a concrete manufacturing company. The research was conducted in Israel, which has very few female drivers. However, I found the data very relevant and wanted to share the results.

The study began by citing US research revealing that accidents caused by truck drivers were typically rear end crashes or those involving blind areas surrounding the tractor trailer. Accidents caused by the automobile drivers were more deadly head-on collisions.

As you can imagine, the researchers reported that professional drivers are less likely to exceed speed limits and when they do, it is at much smaller margins than those operating automobiles or pickup trucks. They commented on the fact that professional drivers are assumed to be safer drivers because of their attention to their speed and the activity around them.

The respondents ranged in age, from twenty to over fifty, as well as their years driving and the type of vehicle they were operating. The cargo and vehicle class were noted as well, and the type of roads and area of the country were also considered. Each person completed a "Reckless Driving Self Report," which described driving scenarios and asked for an assessment of what would happen next.

For example, one question describes a situation where a friend is late for a job interview. Both the commercial driver and the automobile driver are asked to estimate the chances that the friend would exceed the speed limit to get to the interview on time.

You don't need a crystal ball to determine the results of the study. The conclusion was that truck drivers have a more cautious approach to driving than their non-professional counterparts. However, they delved into the data a little more and found that the type of load also affected their attitudes toward safety.

In this example, the drivers driving "mixer" trucks which mixes the concrete while the truck is moving were safer than those hauling gravel. The authors noted that none of the heavy vehicles were tractor trailers or combination vehicles which are called articulated trucks. The findings are still relevant, as the 97 concrete company employees are all professional drivers.

One interesting finding in the study was that the car and pickup drivers felt that just the presence of the heavy vehicle on the road alongside them created a potentially dangerous situation. If that is the case, then the researchers wondered why these four wheelers didn't have a more cautious approach to driving around the bigger vehicles. Future research was recommended on better understanding the attitude of professional drivers to the non-professional drivers as well as pedestrians. They felt this would lead to more information about fatal encounters between trucks and smaller vehicles.

While research about reckless driving can help our industry anticipate the reactions of those who share the road with commercial vehicles, the final suggestion in the analysis was something every professional driver has known since the day he or she began their career. Every motorist should have training in how to avoid causing an accident with a commercial vehicle and should understand the specific characteristics of a tractor trailer. This means a lesson on stopping distances, blind spots and turning ratios.

Source: Elsevier-Accident Analysis and Prevention. Approaches of truck drivers and non-truck drivers toward reckless on-road behavior Tova Rosenbloom, Ehud Eldrorb, Amit Shahar

SOLITUDE: FRIEND OR FOE?

By Brad Huddleston

Some friends in Colorado graciously offered their cabin located high in the Rocky Mountains for ten days to work on my upcoming book. My wife, Beth, and I were in heaven on earth. The scenery was stunning, and the peace and quiet were highly refreshing. I made considerable progress with my writing, and when we returned to Denver, our friends informed us that no one ever lasted as long as we did. They always came down early. Beth and I were baffled. When we asked why, a few things stood out in their response. The main one was solitude. Other factors included altitude sickness and spotty internet.

Brett Aquila's article *Solitude Becomes Every Truck Driver's Heaven or Hell* in the November 2021 edition of *Highway News* reminded me of our time in the Rockies. I care about truck drivers. My brother is a driver. Although I am not a trucker, I do understand international travel for months on end. Flights that can total over 35 hours, not always remembering where I am, and dealing with extreme time zone shifts resulting in Godzilla jet lag that lasts for days on end. Due to a lack of finances during the early years of our ministry, Beth was not always able to travel with me, and although I was constantly around people, I was often very lonely. And just like Brett's account in his article, I would come home; people were polite but rarely interested in any of my global missions adventures. So, I would pretty much remain quiet and listen to their stories instead. Not having much of an outlet to tell my stories only added to the loneliness, even though I was home.

It's true; solitude can be hell. That's why solitary confinement is a punishment of choice in the prison system. It's a great deterrent because no one wants to go there. On the other hand, if used correctly, solitude can indeed be heaven on earth. In fact, Jesus would temporarily leave the crowds that He was ministering to.

But now even more the report about him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear him and to be healed of their infirmities. But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray. (Luke 5:15-16 ESV)

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Mark 1:35 (NIV)

O God, You are my God; Early will I seek You; My soul thirsts for You; My flesh longs for You In a dry and thirsty land Where there is no water. Psalm 63:1 (NKJV)

There's something special about the early morning hours of experiencing solitude with the Holy Spirit. The first thing I used to do when I woke up was grab my phone and check email, text messages, news, and social media. Not anymore... I've repented with joy. The picture is of my end of the couch. You'll notice two Bibles, a book, an old dictionary, my journal, and highlighters. What you don't see are screens. They don't come on until later in the morning. My wife and I have developed a craving for these early hours that begin most mornings by 3:30. My deepest spiritual growth has come in quietness and solitude, including on long-haul flights with my worship music and Jesus. Solitude is what we choose to make of it. We can experience darkness during long-haul drives, lonely sleeper cabs, and hotel rooms or, we can use the free-will that God gave us to experience Light and tremendous spiritual growth. I say, choose life.



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- B:** *Believe in Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16).*
- C:** *Confess Jesus as your Savior and Lord, and turn from your sins. "if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).*

To give your life to Christ, pray the prayer below.

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